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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**RECEIVED
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Please cancel claims 9 and 11 without prejudice.**Please amend claims 1, 10, 18 and 21-24 as follows.**

1. (currently amended) A method of preventing use of an unauthorized copy of a software program comprising the steps of:

searching for a file on an optical medium containing the software program prior to determining a media type of the optical medium;

determining ~~a~~the media type of ~~an~~the optical medium containing the software program;
and

inhibiting execution of the software program stored on the optical medium if the file is missing on the optical medium or the optical media has media type that indicates that the optical media is copied.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inhibiting the execution of the software program comprises preventing execution of selected features of the software program.

3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of inhibiting the execution of the software program comprises determining a set of features of the software program to execute.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inhibiting the execution of the software program comprises preventing execution of the software program.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining a media type comprises inserting the optical medium in a drive of a computer and reviewing a medium-type code field contained in a mode parameter header of the optical medium.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the drive is a compact disk-read/write (CD-R/W) drive.

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7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a media type indicates that the optical medium is copied is one of a write-once media type and an erasable/rewriteable media type.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of executing the software program stored on the optical medium if the step of determining determines the optical medium to be an optical read-only medium.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A method of authenticating an original optical medium comprising the steps of:

inserting the optical medium in a compact disk-read/write (CD-R/W) drive of a computer;

searching for a file on the optical medium prior to checking a media type the optical medium; and

checking athe media type of the optical medium.

11. (canceled)

12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of checking a media type comprises reviewing a medium-type code field contained in a mode parameter header of the optical medium.

13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of checking the media type comprises verifying that the optical medium has a read-only media type.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein a read-only media type is indicative that the optical medium is an original version.

15. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of executing a software program stored on the optical medium if the optical medium has a read-only media type.

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16. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of checking the media type comprises identifying if the media type is one of a write-once media type and an erasable/rewriteable media type.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of inhibiting execution of a software program stored on the optical medium if the step of checking identifies that the media type is one of a write-once media type and an erasable/rewriteable optical media type.

18. (currently amended) A method of preventing execution of an unauthorized copy of a software program stored on an optical medium, comprising the steps of:

searching for a file on the optical medium containing the software program prior to determining a media type of the optical medium;

determining a media type of the optical medium; and

executing the software program stored on the optical medium if the file is missing on the optical medium or the optical medium has a media type that indicates that the optical medium is an original version.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein a read-only media type indicates that the optical medium is an original version.

20. (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of inhibiting execution of the instructions if the optical medium does not have a read-only media type.

21. (currently amended) A computer-readable optical medium containing instructions for preventing use of an unauthorized copy of a software program stored on the optical medium, the instructions comprising the steps of:

searching for a file on an optical medium containing the software program prior to determining a media type of the optical medium;

determining a media type of the optical medium containing the software program; and

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inhibiting execution of the software program stored on the optical medium if the file is missing on the optical medium or the optical medium has media type that indicates that the optical medium is copied.

22. (currently amended) A computer-readable optical medium containing instructions for implementing the steps of:

detecting insertion of the optical medium in a compact disk-read/write (CD-R/W) drive of a computer;

searching for a file on the optical medium prior to checking a media type of the optical medium; and

checking the media type of the optical medium.

23. (currently amended) A computer-readable optical medium containing instructions for preventing execution of an unauthorized copy of a software program stored on the optical medium, the instructions comprising the steps of:

searching for a file on the optical medium containing the software program prior to determining a media type of the optical medium;

determining the media type of the optical medium; and

executing the software program stored on the optical medium if the file is missing on the optical medium or the optical medium has a media type that indicates that the optical medium is an original version.

24. (currently amended) An electronic device comprising:

memory for storing computer program instructions,

a processor for executing the stored computer program instructions, and

a compact disk-read/write (CD-R/W) drive for receiving an optical medium containing a software program, the computer program instructions including instructions for searching for a file on the optical medium containing the software program prior to determining a media type of the optical medium, determining the media type of the optical medium and inhibiting execution of the software program stored on the optical medium if the file is missing on the optical medium or the optical medium has media type that indicates that the optical medium is copied.